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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: AMBASSADOR EILTS, CAIRO

1. WHEN WITH FAHMY TODAY, I ASKED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF MARWAN'S RECENT MISSION TO ALGERIA. I RECALLED HE HAD EARLIER TOLD ME MARWAN HAD BEEN SENT THERE BY PRESIDENT SADAT TO URGE BOUMEDIENE TO AGREE TO THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USG EVEN BEFORE SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT TAKES PLACE. FAHMY SAID MARWAN HAD REPORTED THAT BOUMEDIENE IS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE RESUMPTION OF SUCH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT WANT TO DO SO BEFORE SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT, SINCE HE BELIEVES SUCH AN ACTION ON HIS PART NOW COULD EMBARRASS ASAD. ONCE SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT TAKES PLACE, BOUMEDIENE ALLEGEDLY HAS IN MIND AN EGYPTIAN-ALGERIAN-SYRIAN SUMMIT TO CHART THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF ALL THREE COUNTRIES WITH US.

2. FAHMY THEN NOTED THAT BOUMEDIENE IS ABOUT TO REORGANIZE HIS MILITARY FORCES. THEY BADLY NEED SUCH REORGANIZATION. FOR EXAMPLE, BOUMEDIENE HAS AT THE MOMENT NO AIRCRAFT, SINCE ALL WERE SENT TO EGYPT. THE QUESTION, AS FAHMY SEES IT, IS WHETHER BOUMEDIENE TURNS TOWARDS THE US OR THE SOVIETS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID MARSHAL GRECHKO IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT ALGIERS NEXT WEEK. WHILE THE UPCOMING GRECHKO VISIT WILL NOT, IN HIS VIEW, BE CONCLUSIVE IN TERMS OF BOUMEDIENE'S DECISION, SOME URGENT USG ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALGERIANS.

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3. FAHMY ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS PERSONAL SUGGESTION

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THAT YOU CONSIDER STOPPING BY ALGIERS ON THE WAY BACK FROM  
CAIRO FOR PERHAPS SIX HOURS OR OVERNIGHT. HE THOUGHT SUCH  
A QUICK VISIT BY YOU, IF YOU CAN POSSIBLY DO SO, WILL  
HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON BOUMEDIENE AND MAKE IT EASIER  
FOR PRESIDENT SADAT TO INFLUENCE THE ALGERIAN PRESIDENT.

4. FAHMY ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE SENT ONLY TO  
YOU AND NOT PASSED TO ANYONE.

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